

CHANGES OF PREMISES:

Messrs. Harrington and Hamilton, publishers of "Standing Orders", "Shank Fishing off Hais", and other Military Manuals, wish to notify their clients and friends that they have opened modern and more commodious premises at No. 1, Rue des Ordres Routines, on the site formerly occupied by Particulars Unlimited, at Hais.

A feature of their new establishment is the tasteful coral mat on which they will be pleased to accommodate their many clients. Free Jepp leaves Barrack Square daily. Escorts a specialty. Terms by arrangement.

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NOTE:

Would contributors to "Gun Flash" please forward all material for publication as early in the week as possible. Up to now, stuff has been arriving on Fridays and Saturdays and consequently there is a mad rush on Saturday afternoon to get the paper out, with the result that there is not time to check errors, etc.

It will be of considerable help if we can get most of the articles etc, in early so that we can make sure no misprints creep in and so that we have time to devote to the general layout of each issue.

Thank you.

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CHEMICAL WARFARE:

Gas is, perhaps, the only weapon which is its own armour. Paradoxical as this statement must sound, its reasonableness becomes apparent when it is considered that fear of reprisal makes either side loath to instigate chemical warfare.

The types of gases practical in modern warfare are so limited that, with the exception of Arsene and DIC, which are only combinations of the then-known gases, no new gas has been devised since 1918. New methods of diffusion and protection have certainly been developed, but they are also common knowledge. Suitable conditions such as weather, topography, and the important element of surprise, are so seldom encountered that the weapon's use is very circumscribed as a consequence.

In spite of these disadvantages gas is such a formidable weapon that its possibilities cannot be ignored. Sprung as a surprise on untrained troops, and the casualties and subsequent loss of efficiency might well turn the tide of a decisive battle. Even against trained troops and not as a surprise, the fire power of the unit may, or rather would, be decreased by as much as 30%. As a denying

factor, blister gas laid behind retreating troops would seriously handicap the pursuers.

It is, then, for these reasons, that millions are spent by the great nations on chemical warfare and its ramifications.

At the present time the position is one of a stalemate - neither side is willing to make the awful decision which will let loose on humanity one of the most horrible means of destruction. It is considered that the Japanese, with their national attitude of disregard for other ethics or humanity, may be the ones who do so. Hence it is of particular importance to the Allied Troops in the Pacific war zone to be prepared and thus protected.

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"SWINEBURNIANA"

(Thoughts on returning my Battle Dress.)

I'm glad I am now rid of thee,
For no you've grown too old,
A shudder at thy shapeless knee,
Your seat just leaves me cold.

Your waist of neatness shows no
trace,

Go from my sight I beg,
Forgotten is the soft embrace;
Of thy shepely clinging leg.

I could not spend the night with
you,

With any pleasure now,
Our days together all are through,
We've taken our last bow.

What once gave pleasure unconfined,
Is now just so much dross,
I care not for thy future fate,
Our paths shall never cross.

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Suggested blurb for the U.S.

Service Insurance Scheme !!

1. The old man's dead - thank God
for that,
His insurance will buy me a
brand new hat.

2. My husband's dead - I've been-
coup bucks,
Now I can have my two marines,
You may think this doesn't rhyme,
But you don't know those marines
of mine.

3. My soldier's dead - it was good
while it lasted,
But I much prefer what was left
by the b-----.

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4. What is a soldier's first duty?
A. To die for his country.

Q. Ah, don't give me that cheap
crap. It's to make his enemies
die for theirs.

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